

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1459, regulating bottom trawling in oceans within state waters, based on commitment by the bill sponsors to work with my Administration to seek repeal of the unnecessary details in the bill during the 2005 legislative session.

Management of our states oceans and precious marine resources is a priority of my administration. However, some of the specific requirements in the bill including the mandated trawl net mesh size are best left to the Fish and Game Commission. In addition, to provide the Commission and the Department of Fish and Game adequate time to implement this important measure, it has also been agreed to seek a delay of the permitting provisions for up to one year.

I am grateful that concurrence on the changes was achieved. I look forward to working with the Legislature and concerned parties to craft clean up legislation that addresses the problems outlined above. Because I share your concerns about ocean and resource management I am signing this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger